

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION, POWER OF  
ATTORNEY & DESIGNATION OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING A CAUSE OF FAILURE ON  
THIS APPLIANCE**

the specification of which (check one)

  X   is attached hereto.

       was filed

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56(a).

**PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR  
DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §  
119(a)-(d)**

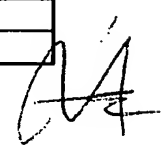
I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
Number	Country	Filing Date	Yes	No
10358732.2	DE	12/15/2003	YES	

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)  
(35 U.S.C. § 119(e))**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Provisional Application Number	Filing Date



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UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120**

I hereby claim the benefits under 35 USC §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Appl. No.	Filing Date	Patented, Pending, Abandoned

**Power of Attorney:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney and/or agent to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein on my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under 18 USC §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:  
Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

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Name of Person Signing

  
Signature

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS ATHANASIOS ATHANASIOU, residing respectively in GIENGEN, Germany, (address: Am Wildbad 13/1, D- 89537 Giengen, Germany) Nationality Greek, has invented certain new and useful improvements in a

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for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America was executed on the date of execution of this assignment;

WHEREAS, BSH BOSCH UND SIEMENS HAUSGERÄTE GMBH, a German limited liability company doing business in Munich, Germany (address: Carl-Wery-Str. 34, D-81739 München, Germany), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in the said invention, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States that may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that for and in consideration of our employment by the said limited liability company and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said limited liability company, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right to the said invention as fully set forth and described in the above-mentioned application, and to said application and any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted therefor, and any and all reissues of said Letters Patent, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said limited liability company, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted or may be reissued or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

AND I hereby authorize the Commissioner for Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States on the said invention or resulting from the said Application and from any and all divisions and continuations thereof to the said limited liability company as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set our hands and seals.

In the presence of:

Joachim Soell  
Witness  
(Joachim Soell)

Athanasios Athanasios (I.S.)  
ATHANASIOS ATHANASIOU

13/06/2006  
Date